

**Education and Workforce Development Cabinet**

# **Jobless rates down in 93 counties from February 2010 to February 2011**

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** February's preliminary and January's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Feb11charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates fell in 93 Kentucky counties between February 2010 and February 2011, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet. Twenty-four county rates increased, while three county rates stayed the same.

Fayette and Woodford counties recorded the lowest jobless rates in the Commonwealth at 8.6 percent each. They were followed by Oldham and Webster counties, 8.8 percent each; Boone County, 9.1 percent; Henderson County, 9.2 percent; Shelby County, 9.3 percent; Warren County, 9.5 percent; and Hancock and Madison counties, 9.6 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 20.3 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 19.9 percent; Menifee County, 19 percent; Lewis County, 18 percent; Metcalfe County, 17.1 percent; Bath County, 16.8 percent; Clay and McCreary counties, 16.5 percent each; and Bell and Meade counties, 15.7 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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